



# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**AGENDA TITLE:** Purchase of Police Narcotics Canine

**DATE:** June 5, 1996

**PREPARED BY:** Chief Larry D. Hansen

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the City Council authorize Lodi Police Department to use \$5,000 of Asset Seizure Funds to purchase a Narcotics Canine in cooperation with Lodi Unified School District.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** As a joint effort to curb and prevent drugs being illegally brought onto school campuses, the Lodi Police Department is proposing a unique opportunity to have a nonaggressive narcotics trained canine available to the school district.

This canine will have the ability to detect narcotic substances in vehicles, lockers, and personal effects not on the person of an employee or student. The presence and usage of these canines has had a dramatic effect on decreasing the amount of drug usage on campuses throughout the State. Calaveras, Manteca, Porterville, and the Redding Unified School Districts have all said they have significantly reduced the amount of illicit drugs on their campuses.

We will accomplish these goals with the purchase of a Narcotic Sniffing Canine at an estimated cost of \$10,000. This will include all necessary training for the canine and the handler. This canine will be used in conjunction with the School Officer Program. Officer Larry Helwig is the current School Resource Officer and is a former K-9 Officer. He has agreed to participate in the program if approved by the Lodi Unified School District and the City of Lodi.

Lodi Unified School District will fund half the initial \$10,000 start up costs, including the cost of the dog and initial training.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
**H. DIXON FLYNN**  
City Manager



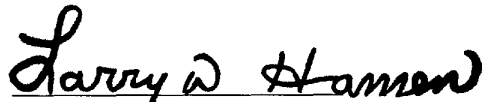
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An example of how other school districts have prepared and implemented their policy regarding this type of program is attached.

Captain Charles Mauch will be in attendance to answer any questions the Council may have.

**FUNDING:** Asset Seizure Fund, Account 23.0 \$5,000.

  
Larry D. Hansen  
Chief of Police

LDH:sm  
cc: City Attorney

An example on how other districts have prepared and implemented their policy regarding this type of program is outlined below.

In utilizing the services of nonaggressive trained detection canines, the District will adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Under no circumstance will a dog be allowed to sniff the person of a student, employee, patron, visitor, or anyone else while on District property or at any District event. This prohibition extends to and includes demonstrations. The canines shall not be used in classrooms occupied by students except for demonstration purposes.
2. The canine may be used to sniff lockers, common areas, desks, bags, items or vehicles on District property as defined in accordance with the Federal Drug Free School Zone laws.
3. Only the canine's official handler will determine what constitutes an alert by the canine. If the canine alerts to a particular item or place, the person who is responsible for that item or place will be called to the scene to witness the search. Ownership of the item or place will be established and search activities will be conducted in accordance with District policy and applicable law.
4. In the event the canine alerts on a locked vehicle, the owner or person bringing it onto District property shall be asked to open the vehicle for an inspection to be conducted by the canine handler. Refusal to open the item for inspection may result in further action being taken by the law enforcement agency, disciplinary action, including but not limited to suspension or termination of employment for employees, and suspension or expulsion for students, and loss of parking privileges on District property for both student and employee. Visitors or patrons may be banned from District property.
5. Discovery of a prohibited substance or item may result in arrest or disciplinary action but not limited to termination of employment for employees and disciplinary action in keeping with district policy for students.
6. Students and employees shall be informed on this policy at the beginning of each school year.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING USE OF \$5,000 FROM THE ASSET SEIZURE FUNDS TO  
PURCHASE A NARCOTICS CANINE IN COOPERATION WITH  
LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council hereby approves the use of \$5,000 from the Asset Seizure Funds to purchase a Narcotics Canine in cooperation with Lodi Unified School District.

Dated: June 5, 1996

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 96-59 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held June 5, 1996 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS - Davenport, Mann, Pennino, Sieglock and Warner (Mayor)

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

  
JENNIFER M. PERRIN  
City Clerk